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TWO MORE INDICTMENTS AGAINST TEX RICKARD

LOCKWOOD WINS YEAR EXTENSION FOR COMMITTEE

Appropriation Also to Be Awarded to Housing Body, Machold Announces.

MAY EXTEND RENT LAWS

Will Ask Legislature to Continue Safeguards Until 1924—Split on Insurance Act.

By Joseph S. Jordan.
(Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Feb. 23.—It was decided at a conference of the legislative leaders to-day to extend the life of the Lockwood Housing Committee another year. The committee will also be allowed an appropriation.

Speaker Machold of the House, who has stuck out against the further life of the committee, cheerfully assented to the continuance. He has said all along that he would have to be shown the financial report of the committee. The first thing which appeared to make Mr. Machold in his stand and doubtless other investigations on his own account, with possible suggestions from the Governor, may have led him to completely change his attitude.

Three other committees were given extensions with the Lockwood committee. They were those on taxation, rural school problems and the Walton committee to revise and codify the corporation laws. Mr. Machold said after the conference:

"Early in the session I determined to look into the matter of these committees in the amount of \$250,000. I made the further discovery that no committee was prepared to make a final report and they all sought a continuance.

"It is my belief that a year is ample time for the complete investigation of any subject by a legislative committee. For this reason I then stated that I was opposed to the continuance of all committees heretofore appointed unless they could show a satisfactory reason for their continuance.

"In my judgment four of these committees have shown results which will justify this Legislature in providing for their continuance. Those committees are the Lockwood Committee, appointed to investigate housing conditions; the Davenport Committee, appointed to investigate tax matters in the State; the Lowman Committee, to be continued to confer with the Committee of Twenty-one in regard to the rural school problem; the Walton Committee, appointed to revise and codify the corporation laws. The work of these committees is in such condition that in my judgment they should be continued during the recess of the Legislature."

Leaders and members of both parties in the Legislature are eagerly awaiting the report of the Lockwood Housing Committee, as no varied interests in the City of New York. The committee had at work on its report, having

IRISH SIGNATORIES TO BRITISH TREATY CALLED TO LONDON

Will Discuss Entire Situation, Secretary Churchill Tells House of Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Associated Press).—The British Government has invited the Irish signatories to the Anglo-Irish Treaty to come to London for an early conference on the whole situation. This was announced in the House of Commons to-day by Winston Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies.

Mr. Churchill added that the Government lacked sufficient information on what occurred in Dublin yesterday to form judgment as to the course to be pursued regarding the Irish Free State Bill.

Austen Chamberlain, the Government leader in Commons, later told the House that for the reasons given by Mr. Churchill the Government did not propose to take up consideration of the Irish treaty bill on Monday, as had been planned.

CRAIG WOULD CUT RATE OF TAXES IN ALL BOROUGHES

Approval of 1922 Budget Will Mean Drop to \$2.74 Per Hundred.

If the bill of Comptroller Craig legalizing the 1922 budget goes into effect—and it is expected to—Greater New York, consisting of the five boroughs which formerly had five separate tax rates, will have one tax rate. That for 1922 will be \$2.74 on each \$100 of valuation, a considerable drop from the 1921 tax rates, which are as follows:

Manhattan, \$2.77 per \$100 valuation; Brooklyn, \$2.89; the Bronx, \$2.84; Queens, \$2.85; Richmond, \$2.83. Compared with the foregoing, it will be seen that if Comptroller Craig's plan of financing the \$250,000,000 estimated cost of running the city for 1922 is adopted there will be a drop of three points in the Manhattan tax rate, six in Brooklyn, ten in the Bronx, eleven in Queens and nine in Richmond.

"The effect of the bill now being considered at Albany," explained the Comptroller to-day, "is to spread county charges over the city at large."

If the Craig bill is not passed the tax rates in the five boroughs will be reduced approximately five points.

"The necessity for this bill is emphasized by the decision of Judge May in Brooklyn in the Terman case," the Comptroller said. "When the 1922 budget for Richmond County was sent to the Board of Aldermen by the Board of Estimate it contained provisions for Judge Terman's services as county judge. The items for county expenses are mandatory and the Board of Aldermen is forbidden by the charter to reduce the budget. Notwithstanding that provision the Board of Aldermen struck out one of the items in Richmond County and a large part of those in the Bronx. Judge May, in granting the mandamus applied for by Judge Terman, has held, in effect, that the action of the Board of Aldermen was a nullity.

"There are three things that cannot be taken from the budget by the Board of Aldermen. They are the State tax, appropriations for the principal and interest on the State debt and appropriations for county government."

POLITE COP PUT COAT ON DOG WITH CHILL

Then Arrested Owner for Speeding—Latter Gladly Paid Fine.

(CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—) H. Clarkson took his three Russian wolfhounds for their daily automobile tour, but speeded for home when one of the dogs took a chill and began to tremble violently. Policeman Robert McCullough halted him and when Clarkson gave his reason for speeding, the policeman quickly took off his dog. But he arrested Clarkson. When the latter was fined \$10 to-day, he told the magistrate that it was worth that much to meet such a polite policeman.

TEX RICKARD AGAIN INDICTED ON NEW CHARGES BY GIRLS

Four True Bills for Abduction Now Found Against the Sport Promoter.

HIS BAIL BOND RAISED.

Fixed at \$25,000 Despite Plea of Counsel to Have It Remain \$10,000.

Two more indictments against George L. "Tex" Rickard were filed with Supreme Court Justice Winsor, vogel this afternoon, charging him with abduction of Anna Hess, fifteen years old, on Dec. 18, and the abduction of Nellie Glasko, fifteen, on Nov. 12.

Rickard immediately appeared before the court, pleaded not guilty, and through his attorney, Max Steiner, asked that his original bail bond of \$10,000 be continued. This bond was given at the time of his indictment on charges of abduction, assault and rape in the cases of Alice Ruck and Sarah Schoenfeld.

District Attorney Banton demanded that the bail bond be increased to \$20,000, saying it was commonly reported that Rickard had severed his connection with business affairs in New York.

"That is not accurate," said Steiner. "Mr. Rickard has resigned an official position, but he has not abandoned any of his business connections. He has no incentive to run away or to do anything that would delay a trial for these cases. He is confident that his innocence of the charges will be established."

Justice Wasservogel said that in view of the new indictments he thought it proper that the bail be increased. He ordered therefore that the bond be fixed at \$25,000 to cover all four of the indictments. It was agreed that the original bond might remain in force for a few hours this afternoon while arrangements were being made to provide the larger one.

The evidence on which the new indictments were obtained was presented to the Supreme Court Grand Jury by Assistant District Attorney O'Neill and Supt. Pisarra of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The girls named in the new charges are understood to be corroborative witnesses for the State in the earlier cases.

Counsel for Rickard were given until Monday to make motions. On that day, it is said, they will ask for an inspection of the Grand Jury minutes in all four cases.

AMERICAN WIFE AVENGED BY ITALIAN DUKE, WHO WINS DUEL WITH COUNT

Former Elsie Moore of Connecticut Had Been Slighted by Sculptor-Nobleman Who Had Been Hired to Make Statue of Her.

ROME, Feb. 23.—Duchess Torlonia, formerly Elsie Moore, of Connecticut, was avenged on the field of honor here to-day, when her husband, the Duke, wounded Count Filippo Lovatelli, after eighteen minutes of furious dueling.

The affair of honor, one of the first to become known publicly here since dueling went out of fashion, stirred Rome society. The Duke had engaged the Count, who is a sculptor, to make a bas-relief of his wife, who was daughter of the late Charles Moore, a New England manufacturer.

The Count asked for advance payment when the marble was half completed. The Duke replied that the bas-relief was not worth much, and sent 1,000 lire, pleading the high cost of living.

FIELDS TELLS FULL STORY OF MURDER OF W. D. TAYLOR TO POLICE AS "CONFESSION"

Detroit Prisoner Says Director's Death Followed Rescue of Actress From "Dope."

ACCUSES MEN IN RING.

Fields's Assertions Not Confirmed by Los Angeles Authorities as Yet.

DETROIT, Feb. 23.—The story told by Harry M. Fields, now under sentence here on a charge of forgery, of how William Desmond Taylor, the movie director of Hollywood, was murdered has been forwarded in detail to Los Angeles. Up to a late hour to-day no word had been received that any of the points made by Fields had been confirmed.

Fields declared Taylor was killed when he tried to prevent a leading film actress from again falling a victim of dope, after he had once rescued her. Taylor had beaten up one member of the dope ring, and they feared he would ruin the dope business. Fields declared:

The salient points in the narrative by the prisoner are:

1. The murder gun, said by Fields to be buried at a designated spot.
2. A \$1,000 note which the murderer changed at a Los Angeles bank, according to Fields.
3. An auto in which Fields says he drove the slayer to and from Taylor's home at West Lake Terrace Court.
4. A dope pen, where plans for the "movie murder" were hatched, according to Fields.

The investigators have not uncovered any material evidence to support Fields's amazing story of the murder, but it has been received with enough faith to warrant the concentration of every activity in the entire investigation upon this new angle. Pled out with answers to questions told to Detroit by Sheriff W. L. Traeger, the "confession" of Taylor's murder is now in the hands of Los Angeles authorities in its entirety. It is as follows:

"Taylor had declared war on the dope peddlers in the movie studios. He had administered a beating and used the toe of his boot on a certain 'dope' who had been supplying with drugs a motion picture actress in whom Taylor was interested.

"In revenge and to keep Taylor from ruining his business this peddler swore to get him.

The "dope," whose full name has been furnished, conspired with a Chinese drug importer and two white women. They first talked over the

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\$15,000 HOLD-UP UNDER EYES OF POLICE, FIREMAN

Gems Taken From Dealer at Pistol Point With Patrolman Across Street.

AFRAID TO CRY OUT.

Victim Forced to Enter Automobile and Is Robbed, Beaten and Thrown Out.

Fifteen thousand dollars worth of unset diamonds and gem settings in gold and platinum were stolen in broad daylight to-day from Jacob Wisniah, a wholesale dealer, at Taylor Street and Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, by two highwaymen who escaped.

The hold-up, conspicuous in its daring, was carried out shortly after 10 o'clock, the robbers forcing Wisniah into an automobile with the muzzles of their revolvers, driving a block and after robbing him, striking him and throwing him into the street. Then they sped away in the motor car.

Directly across the street from the point at which the highwaymen first intercepted Wisniah with drawn revolvers, Patrolman Edward Stein, a city fireman and a street cleaner were inspecting a fire hydrant. But none of these three saw what was happening to the diamond dealer, because the robbers stepped so close to him that they hid the revolvers they pressed against his side. He was afraid to make an outcry.

Into an automobile waiting at the curb Wisniah was thrust by the two men, who immediately entered the vehicle and seated themselves on each side of him, their revolvers still ready. The chauffeur was ordered to go on and the car moved off. As it did so Wisniah looked out and saw the policeman, fireman and street cleaner still busy examining the hydrant.

The automobile was driven along Taylor Street to Bedford Avenue. There the robbers seemed to pay their first attention to the leather brief case in which Wisniah carried his \$15,000 stock of gems and settings. One of the robbers grabbed this, striking the dealer on the head with the butt of a pistol at the same time. Wisniah crumpled up, the door of the car was opened and he was shoved into the roadway. Then the car started off at top speed.

A crowd gathered as Wisniah limped out, and some one called Patrolman Stein, who took him to the Clynner Street Station. After being attended for the injury to his head, Wisniah told what had happened to him. He was taken to Brooklyn Police Headquarters to search the Rogues' Gallery for likeness of his assailants.

Wisniah lives at No. 511 Bedford Avenue and was on his way to visit a customer when attacked.

3,000-MILE WIRE CIRCUIT TO CARRY NEWS 400 MILES

Associated Press Sends Messages in Roundabout Way, on Account of Storms in West.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A telegraph circuit more than 3,000 miles long to carry news dispatches an airline distance of less than 400 miles, has been necessitated by the heavy snow and storm winds sweeping across the northern part of the United States.

Early Wednesday the Associated Press lost connection with all points north of Milwaukee, because of the storms, which have paralyzed the telephone and telegraph lines. Early to-day communication with St. Paul was established through a telegraph circuit extending from Chicago through St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Billings, Montana, and back through Fargo, N. D., to St. Paul. This circuit failed to last, however, and after a short time another circuit was set up running from Chicago to New York, up to Toronto, Canada, back to Winnipeg, Canada, and into St. Paul. On this circuit points in Minnesota now are receiving the news of the world.

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S. S. RUSKAY & CO. FOLLOW KARDOS & BURKE FAILURE; LIABILITIES \$2,500,000

COMMITTS SUICIDE AFTER SHOOTING OWNER OF HOTEL

Assistant Manager of Montague in Brooklyn Had Just Been Discharged.

Joseph Albert Voorhies, assistant manager of the Hotel Montague in Montague Street near Hicks, on Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, shot and slightly wounded James E. Prappe, proprietor of the hotel, this afternoon and then shot himself in the right temple. He died at 2:15 o'clock in Long Island College Hospital.

Voorhies had been with the hotel for two years. Recently his habits have been irregular, causing Mr. Prappe to come frequently from his home in Red Bank, N. J., to take charge of his property.

Shortly after noon to-day Voorhies reached the hotel from his home in Jamaica Street, where he lived with his wife in an unsteady condition. Mr. Prappe discharged him and handed him his salary up to March 1.

A few minutes later Voorhies entered a reception room on the ground floor, where Mr. Prappe was sitting, and fired two shots at him. One missed. The second passed between his left arm and his body, inflicting two flesh wounds. A third shot Voorhies directed against himself.

Voorhies was fifty-two years old and Prappe is fifty-three.

STRIKE VOTE CALL SENT COAL MINERS

About 500,000 Eligible to Cast Ballots on Walkout Set for April 1.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The formal call for a referendum vote of the United Mine Workers of America to determine whether there will be a nation-wide coal strike on April 1 was sent to-day. This was announced by John L. Lewis, International President of the union, here to-day.

More than half a million men are eligible to vote in the referendum, according to William Green, International Secretary, who is also here after attending the Mine and Rail Union's Conference yesterday, when a sympathetic alliance of the two groups was agreed to.

The ballots are to be cast at each union local before March 10, and the return filed at the Mine Workers' Union Headquarters in Indianapolis by March 15. Ballots were mailed out along with the call from the Indianapolis Headquarters. Mr. Green said:

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James W. Ball & Co. and Rasmussen & Co.'s Suspensions Announced—Rodney & Co. in Involuntary Bankruptcy.

Ex-U. S. Treasurer's Firm Liabilities Probably \$700,000, but Progress Bank Is Not Involved in Trouble.

S. S. Ruskay & Co., in Involuntary Bankruptcy, Has Many Branches—Assets Reported as About \$1,500,000.

BROKERAGE FAILURES TO-DAY.

S. S. Ruskay & Co., liabilities, \$2,500,000; assets, \$1,500,000. Kardos & Burke, liabilities, \$700,000; assets, \$150,000. James W. Ball & Co., liabilities, \$150,000; assets, \$10,000. Rasmussen & Co., No. 111 Broadway; no statement on liabilities and assets.

Rodney & Co., No. 55 Broadway; no statement of liabilities and assets.

Announcement was made to-day of the appointment of a receiver for the stock brokerage house of Kardos & Burke of No. 32 Broadway, members of the Consolidated Exchange, the second named member of the firm being John Burke, for eight years Treasurer of the United States resigning about a year ago, and three times Governor of North Dakota. The other firm member is Louis Montgomery Kardos jr., until a few years ago a \$10-a-week bank messenger. He was a Hungarian immigrant and is twenty-six years old.

Soon after the announcement a made it was officially reported that another brokerage firm, S. S. Ruskay & Co. of No. 42 Broadway, had been placed in involuntary bankruptcy.

The petition in the Ruskay bankruptcy states that the liabilities of the concern are estimated at \$2,500,000, while the assets are valued at \$1,500,000. Mark Hyman was appointed receiver by Judge Learned Hand, his bond being for \$50,000. The firm consists of Samuel S. Ruskay, Harry Ruskay, Eugene Greenhut, George D. Proctor & Co., No. 67 Exchange Place. The petition alleges liability to be \$150,000 and assets \$10,000.

The petition alleges that Ruskay & Co. have assets in New York of the aggregate value of \$415,000. It says that of this \$415,000 is in cash on deposit in banks, that there are stocks to the amount of \$200,000, for which there is no present market, and that the office fixtures, etc., are valued at \$15,000.

The petition also says that Ruskay believes the firm has hypothecated large quantities of securities.

PETITION AGAINST JAMES W. BALL & CO. FILED.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United States District Court against James W. Ball & Co., No. 67 Exchange Place. The petition alleges liability to be \$150,000 and assets \$10,000. James W. Ball & Co. are well-known to New Yorkers, due largely to their action shown in picking winners or losers in the State or City elections and of placing odds for betting. Their suspensions were announced to-day on the floor of the City Market, at which they were members. The bankruptcy petition is signed by three trustees, Anna E. Cunningham, with a net worth of \$11,500; Gertrude A. Nolan and Agnes N. Binkley, each with a claim of \$40.

The fourth suspension of the firm was Rasmussen & Co., No. 111 Broad-

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